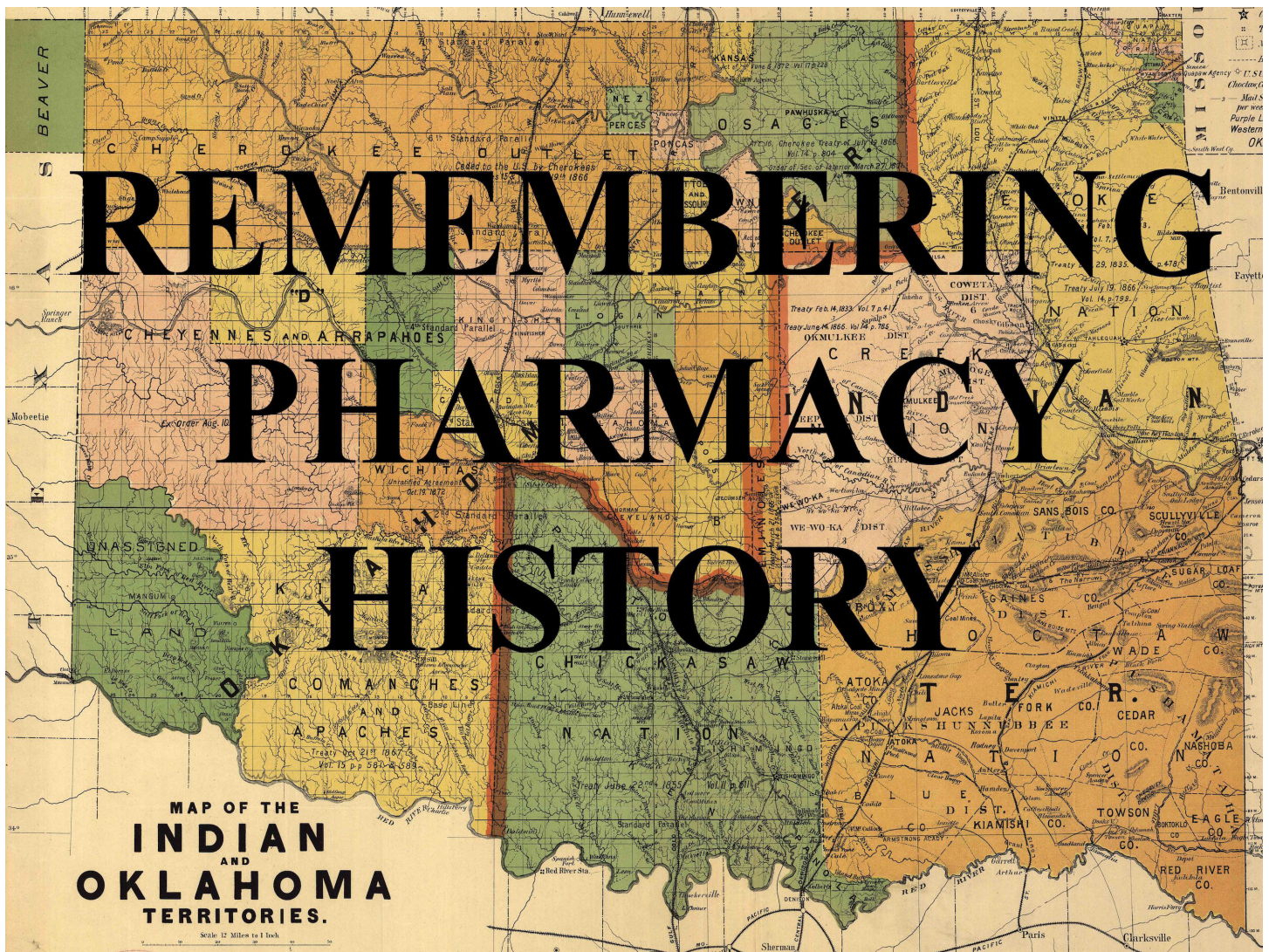


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1892 map of Indian and
Oklahoma Territories in the
United States Library of
Congress.*

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The pharmacist serving as secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy after Walter Ray Jarrett (1915-1923) was Thomas Randall Hadley (1923-1926). He was one of the sons of Thomas Jefferson Hadley and profiled in Oklahoma Pharmacist, Volume 78, Number 1, 2010. The next two secretaries after Hadley were Clarence Mead Anderson and Charles Milton Brewer.

Clarence Mead Anderson (1926-1931)

Clarence was born on June 29, 1886, in Sylvia, Reno County, Kansas. His parents, Washington I. and Amanda Alice (Mead) Anderson were married in Kansas in about 1882 and, at the time of the 1900 United States Census, their family consisted of six sons, including Clarence, and one daughter. Clarence was given his mother's maiden name for his middle name.



Clarence M. Anderson, 1924, Secretary, Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. From OPhA files.

Both Washington and Amanda were born in 1858 on the eve of the American Civil War, he in Texas and she in Ohio. Washington Anderson was a grocery merchant in Sylvia and Clarence undoubtedly developed a mercantile interest by being around his father's business. In 1903, the family moved to Castle, Creek Nation, Indian Territory (currently in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma), where a post office had been established in February of that year along the Fort Smith and Western railway.

At the age of thirteen, before the family moved to Castle, Clarence started working in a drug store in his hometown of Sylvia. After the move to Indian Territory, he worked in the drug store operated by the Lawrence brothers in early-day Castle. In April of 1907, Clarence moved to Hugo to take a job with the Keller Drug Company. By this time, he had substantial pharmacy experience and later claimed that he had only thirty-five cents in his pockets at the time of his arrival in Hugo. It was not long before he traveled to Muskogee to take the pharmacy examination given by the Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy. Upon passing the examination on July 17, 1907, he was issued pharmacy license number 1041 by the board. The newly formed Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy gave him license number 28 in 1908.

In June of 1908, Clarence accepted a position with the Stigler Drug Company in Stigler, Oklahoma. Not long afterward, in early 1909, he returned to Hugo to resume his old position at Keller's. A year later, in April of 1910, Clarence purchased a one-third interest in the former New State Drug Company in Hugo. His partners were M. G. and J. H. Parks and the new firm, known as the Crescent Drug Company, became incorporated with a capital of \$5,000. Crescent Drug soon installed new fixtures and became established as one of the leading drug stores in town.

On June 7, 1911, Clarence married Lila Saffold, a Hugo school teacher from Batesville, Arkansas. The couple had a daughter, Elizabeth Adele, who married Eugene Mannas in 1938. While in Hugo, Clarence became a member



Stigler Drug Company, Stigler, OK, around the time of Clarence Anderson's employment there. From the author's collection.

of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, and the Masonic Lodge. He was the charter president of the Hugo Rotary Club. Clarence served for at least one term in every available office in the Masons. In 1910, he joined the First Methodist Church in Hugo and was a member of the committee which raised \$135,000 to construct a church building in 1919.

Clarence was also an active member of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association, serving the organization as first vice-president in 1924-1925 and as a member of the Executive Council and Legislative Committee.

As a result of his political affiliations and recognized expertise in pharmacy, Oklahoma Governor Martin Edwin Trapp appointed Clarence to replace Tom R. Hadley as Secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. He sold his drug store in Hugo to Fred M. Heard and Ben Clyde Graves and started his new job in Oklahoma City on February 2, 1926.

As Secretary of the Board of Pharmacy, Clarence was a member of the Committee on National Certificate and served as vice-president



Street corner in Hugo, ca. 1909, containing the First National Bank and Lucas Pharmacy, one of Clarence Anderson's competitors in town. From the author's collection.

Application for Registration as a Pharmacist.

TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY:

I, (Use full name) Clarence M. Anderson of (City or Town) Hugo
County of Choctaw State of Oklahoma, do hereby make application for resistration under Article 5,
Section, 39, of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, and hereby state that I was legally engaged in the drug business
on the 16th day of November, 1907, and that I was legally registered under the Laws of ~~Oklahoma~~ Indian Territory—
under Certificate No. 1041 on (Insert date of registration) July 17th 1907

STATE OF OKLAHOMA Choctaw COUNTY, SS.

Clarence M. Anderson being duly sworn, upon his oath says that he is 21 years of
age; that he has been engaged in the drug business 3 years: that the statements herein set forth are true and
correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief; and that he does not habitually use vinous, malt or alcoholic liquors as a
beverage.

(Signed)

Clarence M. Anderson

We the undersigned, citizens and residents of Choctaw County, of Hugo
State of Oklahoma, being first duly sworn, state that we are acquainted with the above named Clarence
M. Anderson and that he was engaged in the drug business in Hugo
on the 16th day of November, 1907.

(Signed)

Arthur Leathers
J. P. Dick

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of March A. D. 1908

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

My commission expires 3/20 1911

John F. Lacey

Notary Public

Part of the application by Clarence Anderson for registration as a pharmacist in Oklahoma, 1908. From ODL files.

of District Six of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). On the local level, Clarence became responsible for enforcing a new law passed by the Oklahoma legislature in 1929 requiring all drug stores to be licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. Additionally, the law required that each licensed drug store have a registered pharmacist available at all times to fill prescriptions. As one of the first measures taken, Clarence hired Ernest F. Murray as board inspector to enforce the law. Although the board faced a few difficulties along the way, Clarence was, in large measure, successful in bringing about compliance.

When William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray became Governor of Oklahoma in 1931, he made his own political appointments and replaced Clarence with a new secretary, Charles Milton Brewer. Clarence soon moved to Ponca City, which was in need of new pharmacies since several stores there had been forced out of business for failure to become licensed by the pharmacy board. Seeing an opportunity, Clarence became a partner in Ponca City with J. Frank Pieratt in the Anderson-Pieratt Drug Store, sometimes referred to as A & P Drug. In late 1932, the A & P Drug was sold to Worthey Roscoe Wiles and his son Worthey DeArmond Wiles. Frank Pieratt moved to Guthrie to work in the Beland Drug Store.

After dissolving his partnership with Frank Pieratt, Clarence moved back to Oklahoma City. He operated a drug store at 105 West 23rd in the city in 1934 and 1935, but soon sold it to Curtis Allen.

Clarence became associated with the Oklahoma School Land Commission, becoming Manager in August of 1936. He remained with the Commission until 1947 and then moved back to Hugo. In Hugo, Clarence was deputy fuel inspector for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. In this new position, his territory included the counties of Choctaw, Bryan, McCurtain, and Pushmataha.

Clarence died in Hugo on January 25, 1951, survived by his widow, daughter, two grandchildren, and three brothers. Lila moved back to Oklahoma City to be close to her daughter and died there on July 1, 1963.

Charles Milton Brewer (1931-1935)

Charlie was born on June 19, 1876, in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Before he was six months old, his family moved to Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas, where his father worked as a blacksmith. In the spring of 1878, they moved to Pawnee Rock, Barton County, Kansas.



Charles Milton Brewer, ca. 1931. From OPhA files.

Charlie's parents were Thomas Henderson and Margaret (Cummins) Brewer. Andrew Brewer, Charlie's grandfather, had been born in North Carolina and moved to Morgan County, Indiana, where he married Eunice F. Alderman. Thomas was born on October 5, 1844, in Morgan County and moved with the family to Iowa at the age of twelve. Soon thereafter, in 1857, the family moved to Nemaha County, Kansas. Thomas enlisted in the Union Army at the beginning of the American Civil War, serving in the Thirteenth Kansas Regiment, Company G. After the war, on December 22, 1867, he married Margaret E. Cummins in Nemaha County and the couple moved to Jefferson County, Nebraska, to engage in farming.

Charlie grew up and was educated in Pawnee Rock, Kansas, where his father was a prominent member of the community. Thomas served as probate judge (1892-1894), became a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, and was a leader in establishing a monument in Pawnee Rock park, designating it as a historical site along the Santa Fe Trail.



*Ora Andrew Brewer.
From The Woods
County News (Carmen),
October 17, 1902.*

Charlie graduated from Central Normal College in Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas, just before he and his brother, Ora Andrew, moved to Oklahoma Territory. In October of 1899, Charlie and Ora established a drug store in Carwile, in Woods County (Alfalfa County after Oklahoma statehood). Their new store was opened by mid-November of 1899. Ora, the older of the two Brewer brothers, managed the store while Charlie went to Norman to become a pharmacy student at The University of Oklahoma. After graduating in June of 1901 with a diploma as a Pharmaceutical Chemist (Ph.C.), Charlie went back to Carwile to operate the Brewer Brothers Drug Store. He was issued certificate number 345 by the Oklahoma Territory Board of Pharmacy on the basis of his graduation from OU as well as the practical experience he had obtained by working in the Brewer Brothers Drug Store at Carwile, learning from their pharmacist, Horace Albert Sommers, a 1900 OU graduate. Charlie had also gained valuable experience working at W. T. Mayfield's Drug Store while he was a student in Norman. At statehood, Charlie was issued certificate number 92 by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy.

In 1903, most of the residents of Carwile, including Charlie and Ora, moved to a new town site named Helena to be closer to the railroad line. The Brew-

THE UP-TO-DATE DRUG STORE.

BREWER BROS. PROPS.

We keep in stock a full line of
DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS, BRUSHES, GLASS, PUTTY, TOILET
GOODS AND DRUGGIST'S SUNDRIES. ALSO A COMPLETE
LINE OF PATENT AND PROPRIETARY MEDICINES.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by a
Registered Pharmacist. All goods guar-
anteed strictly pure and true to name.

PRESCRIBING PHYSICIANS:

Drs. Lile & Harris and Dr. C. O. Harned.

SCHOOL BOOKS, SLATES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES CARRIED.

Your patronage solicited. Respectfully,

BREWER BROS

CARWILE, O. T.

*Early advertisement by the Brewer brothers for their
drug store in Carwile. From The Carwile Journal,
November 17, 1899.*

BREWER BROS.,
....THE....
Leading Druggists,
DEALERS IN
Pure Drugs,
MEDICINES, CHEMICALS.
PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES.
GLASS, PUTTY, BRUSHES,
HEADQUARTERS FOR
SCHOOL BOOKS.
Also a Full and Complete Line of Fancy Toilet Articles, Fine Sta-
tionery, Choice Perfumes, Dye Stuffs, Etc.
Prescriptions Accurately Compounded
HELENA, OKLAHOMA.

*Advertisement by Brewer Brothers after moving their
drug store to Helena and before their partnership was
dissolved. From The Helena Free Press, August 28,
1903.*

er Brothers Drug Store was reportedly the one around which all other merchants located in Helena that year. By this time, Ora had become interested in politics and had been elected as County Commissioner in Woods County. In September of 1903, the Brewer brothers dissolved their partnership and Charlie became sole owner.

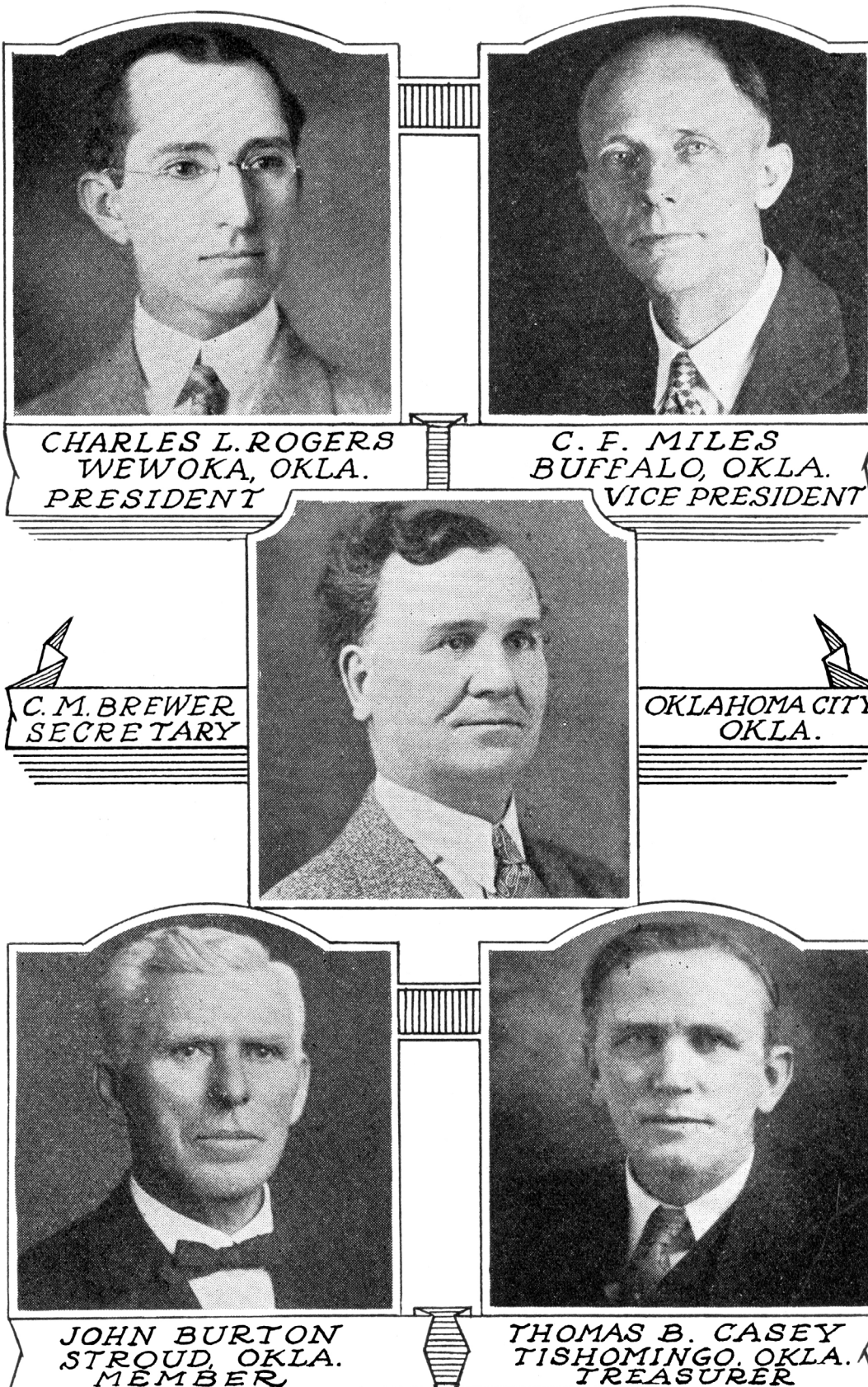
Ora remained in the political arena in Oklahoma, becoming a member of the "official family" of William "Alfalfa Bill" Henry Murray. In 1924, he was manager of the speaker's bureau for the Oklahoma campaign of Wisconsin Senator Robert Marion LaFollette for president of the United States. Ora died on April 7, 1932, shortly after having been appointed superintendent of an Oklahoma prison project in Atoka County, Oklahoma.

Charlie also became interested in running for office and, in 1914, was an unsuccessful candidate for Oklahoma State Insurance Commissioner. He focused on operating a drug store in Helena until 1925 when he moved to Oklahoma City. On February 15, 1931, Oklahoma Governor William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray appointed Charlie to succeed Clarence Mead Anderson as secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. Ora's connection with the Governor was an important factor in Charlie's appointment. Along with the new secretary, the eccentric Governor appointed an entirely new board of pharmacy, forcing the resignation of existing members.

Early items on Charlie's agenda as secretary of the pharmacy board were the enforcement of existing pharmacy laws requiring the licensing of drug stores and the presence in each drug store of a licensed pharmacist during all hours of operation. He was very successful in accomplishing these goals, adding substantially to the state treasury through a requirement that ten percent of board income be turned over to the state. Nevertheless, in 1934, Charlie was forced to obey a new law by moving the pharmacy board office out the state capitol and into leased quarters. The board office was moved to the Key Building in Oklahoma City on December 1, 1934.

The Oklahoma legislature in 1933 enacted a bill

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY



Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy appointed by Governor Murray, 1931. From Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy Annual Report, 1931.



Charles Brewer, standing in middle, in the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy office, state capitol, 1933. From Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy Annual Report, 1933.

requiring the pharmacy board to give the pharmacy examination to all applicants with at least eight years practical experience filling prescriptions, even if they had not graduated from a college pharmacy program. The certificates given to successful applicants were labeled “Undergraduate Certificate” in red letters. Those with such licenses have been referred to as “red letter pharmacists.”

In 1935, newly elected Governor Ernest Whitworth Marland appointed Ned Milligan to replace Charlie as pharmacy board secretary. Brewer had recently been elected vice-president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Charlie died in Oklahoma City on October 26, 1941, survived by his wife Mary, whom he had married in Helena. He left no descendants.

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Druggist, Southern Pharmaceutical Journal, and newspapers from Oklahoma City, Hugo, Carwile, Carmen, and Helena, Oklahoma. Genealogical information for Clarence Anderson was also found in Rex Francis Harlow and Victor Emmanuel Harlow, Makers of Government in Oklahoma. (Oklahoma City, Harlow Publishing Company, 1930): 461. Additional genealogical information for Charles Brewer was obtained from Great Bend Tribune, Biographical History of Barton County, Kansas. (Great Bend, The Great Bend Publishing Company, 1912): 159. United States census, birth, marriage, and death records available on the internet sites rootsweb.com and familysearch.org have provided valuable family-related data. The ERA and Hayes Druggists directories have been used to trace pharmacy locations in Oklahoma. Especially beneficial for biographical information have been pharmacist applications for licensure as well as records of the Oklahoma Territory, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma State Boards of Pharmacy located in the Archives and Records Division of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL).

TO THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF PHARMACY:

I, Charles Milton Brewer of (city or town) Norman of
County of Cleveland Territory of Oklahoma, do hereby make application for registration
by examination under the Pharmacy Laws of Oklahoma. (See section 7, chapter 28, Session Laws of 1897.)

Full christian name of applicant, Charles Milton Brewer

Residence: Town, Carwile County, Woods State, OK

Date of birth and age, June 19 - 1878 22 years old.

Place of birth, Fairbury Nebraska

Are you proprietor or clerk? Proprietor, Student - will graduate the 7th of June, 1901

How long in business and at what places? Carwile Woods Co. Okla. 4
Nov. 6 - 1900 to present date

What experience in filling physicians' prescriptions? One year experience

Give employers' names and length of service. Maspor drug co. Six mo. W.T. Mayfield
Two mo. Brewer Bros Four mo. Under H. A. Sommer Ph.C.

Are you registered in any other state? If so, give date of registration, name and address of Secretary of Board.
No.

NOTE:—Section 12 of the Pharmacy Law provides as follows: "Any person who shall wilfully make any false representations to procure for himself or another registration under this act ** shall for each offense be liable to a fine of (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars.

Certificate of Character.

This is to Certify, That Charles M. Brewer is of good moral character
and sobriety and we recommend him as a suitable person to receive a certificate as Registered Pharmacist.

Signed, W. Mayfield
John W. Barber

NOTE:—This certificate should be signed by two registered pharmacists of your acquaintance.

Part of application made in March, 1901, by Charles Brewer for registration as a pharmacist in Oklahoma Territory. From ODL files.